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Letters to the Editor

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Fulbright's Record

I am distressed that some of my friends have apparently forgotten Senator Fulbright's record as a courageous liberal and world-minded statesman.

I can remember in the early 1950s when the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy had the Senate and the Nation so frightened or cautious that only one man stood up on the Senate floor to oppose him. That man was Senator Fulbright from Arkansas, who with great detail and directness laid bare the McCarthy record and character.

I can remember that in February, 1956, the only voice to be raised from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee against the Dulles policies was Senator Fulbright's and I remember him to have made the same like observations and criticisms that only the liberal organizations and men like Adlai Stevenson were making.

And, when Senator Green left the Chairmanship of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, I can remember that Mr. Dulles modified his extreme programs because of the effectiveness of Senator Fulbright.

I can remember that it was the undramatic, understated, yet tremendously effective leadership of Senator Fulbright that added the Development Loan Fund to our Nation's foreign aid program and that it was his leadership that has always carried the Administration's Mutual Security programs.

I can remember, too, for example, that his words were recorded almost simultaneously and in agreement with those of Adali Stevenson in the spring of this year, when Governor Stevenson characterized the handling of the U-2 incident as the sledgehammer and crowbar that were used to wreck the Summit Conference.

Certainly Senator Fulbright has contempt for cant and fancy. But certainly Senator Fulbright is a leading foreign policy student who is dedicated to the making of a peaceful, better world. This country would be well served with him as our Secretary of State.

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